



# Town of Danville Police Department



**ANNUAL REPORT 2015**



# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Mayor & Town Council,

It is once again my honor to present to you the Police Department's Annual Report. In 2015, we experienced another rise in property crime, a 10% increase from 2014. While we find any level of crime unacceptable, it is important to provide some context regarding Danville's property crime. Since incorporation in 1982, the highest number of property crimes recorded was 806 in 1995 with a yearly average of 632. In 2013, a record low number of property crimes occurred with 411. In 2014, property crime increased to 444 and 2015 ended with 491 property crimes.

To combat this increase, we have employed a variety of techniques which includes reallocating personnel, extensive community outreach, and increasing the use of our volunteers for ongoing programs such as vacation house checks, If I Were a Thief and high visibility patrols. We continue to explore the use of technology to enhance our crime fighting abilities.

In regard to traffic safety, our emphasis remains on education, engineering, and enforcement. In 2015, we had the lowest number of traffic collisions to date with a total of 282, a 7% decrease from 304 in 2014.

Outreach is an important component of what we do, and in 2015 we had some excellent outreach opportunities with a new Youth Police Academy and an enhanced Open House. At the Open House, attendees were given a chance to experience what it is like to be a law enforcement officer through role-playing scenarios and other exercises. We are determined to continue and even expand our outreach in 2016; we appreciate how supportive the Danville community is and we strive to make that bond even stronger.

We had a busy year in 2015, and I am very proud of our staff and their accomplishments. We thank you for your continued support of the Police Department,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gil", with a period at the end.

Steve P. Simpkins, Chief of Police



# DEPARTMENT GOALS

- 
- Provide a safe and secure environment for all Town residents and businesses
  - Provide rapid and timely response to all emergencies
  - Conduct proactive patrol activities that maintain a highly visible police presence and identify threats to life and property
  - Work proactively to prevent and solve crimes
  - Undertake enforcement efforts that promote driver education and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists
  - Provide assistance to families, parent groups and schools to support positive youth development and appropriate behavior
  - Provide proactive crime prevention programs for residents and businesses



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# ADMINISTRATION



**Chief Steve Simpkins & Lieutenant Allan Shields**



# SUPPORT STAFF

**Juliet Kelly**

**Administrative Assistant**



**Jeff Hebel**

**Emergency Services Manager**



**Jim Nelson**

**Fleet Management**







## **Police Assistants**

**Brad Mulvihill, Mary Ashworth, Alex Riehl & Ashley Priete**



# DAY SHIFT



**Monday- Thursday**

**Andreas Gianopoulos, Dave McGinnis & Sgt. Scott Dickerson**



# DAY SHIFT



**Friday– Sunday**

**Sgt. Chris Martin, Casey Shields, Jeff Kellogg & Kim Cogo**



# GRAVEYARD SHIFT



**Monday– Thursday**

**Edward Brady, Sgt. Mike Jimenez, Gabriella Arnaudo**



# GRAVEYARD SHIFT



**Friday– Sunday**

**Sgt. Jason Ingrassia, Danny Wells, Valerie Murillo, Tyler Nelson & Rony**



# SWING SHIFT



**Monday—Thursday**

**Emily Neabeack, Sgt. Jose Rivera, Nicholas Muller, James Lang**



# RESPONSE TIMES

Calls for service are separated into three categories to assess response times:

**Priority 1:** In-progress threats to life and safety, emergency medical situations and in-progress thefts. The average response time in 2015 for Priority 1 calls was **5 minutes 57 seconds**.

**Priority 2:** Urgent calls, such as a disturbance or non-injury traffic collisions. The average response time for priority 2 calls was **6 minutes 15 seconds**.

**Priority 3:** Non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred in the past, or with no suspects, and no urgent need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the day before. The average response time for priority 3 calls was **6 minutes 56 seconds**.

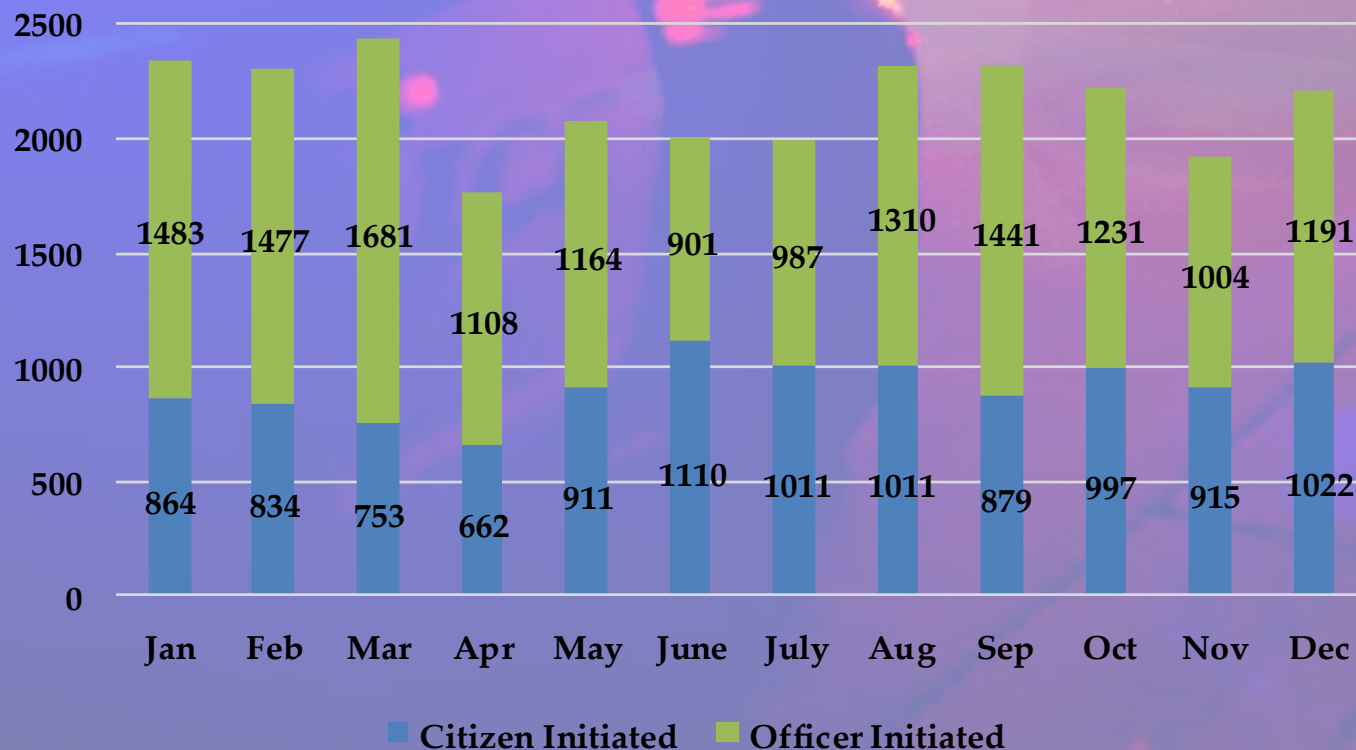




# CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Police Department handled 25,947 calls in 2015. A call for service does not necessarily mean the incident is a crime or criminal in nature. Calls for service can result in a police report, an area check, an arrest of a criminal, or a simple discussion with a citizen. Calls for service are also not limited to requests from citizens. Officer-initiated activities such as traffic stops, foot patrols, and business or residential security checks are also considered calls for service.

## Total Calls For Service 2015





# CALLS FOR SERVICE

## Top 10 Calls for Service In 2015

False Alarms	1908
911 Hang Ups	627
Suspicious Vehicles	549
Suspicious Subjects	495
Welfare Checks	431
Patrol Requests	397
Abandoned Vehicles	367
Reckless Driving	367
Parking Complaints	347
Suspicious Circumstance	341



# TRAFFIC TEAM



Traffic Officers Jason Hoschouer, Jimmy Adams & Carl Somers

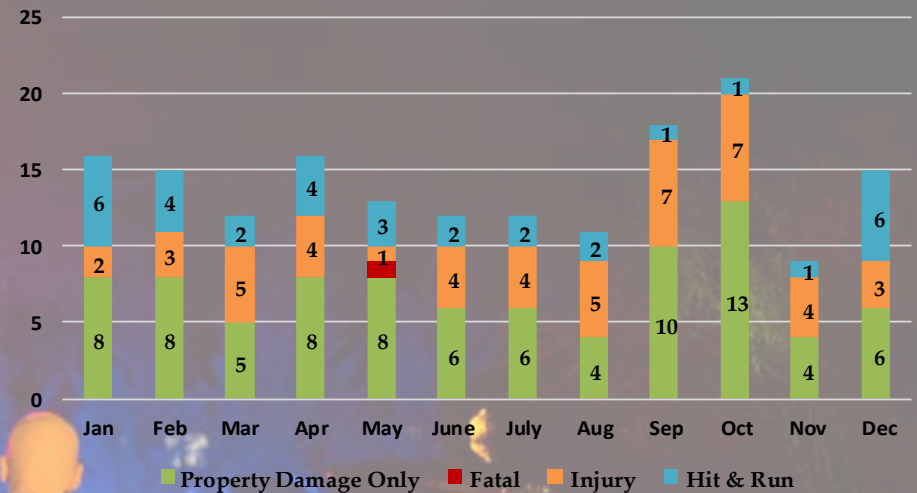


# TRAFFIC STATISTICS

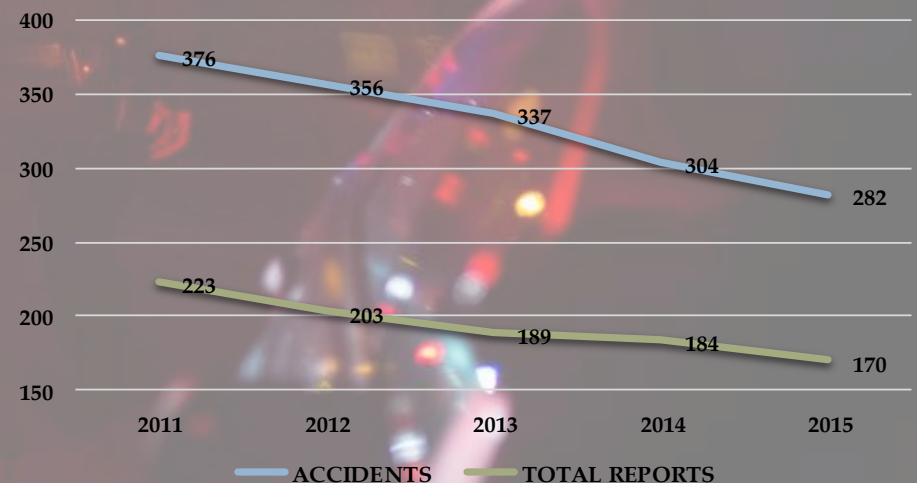
Over the last 15 years, the Danville PD Traffic Team, in collaboration with the Transportation Department & Street Smarts program, has successfully lowered the total number of accidents annually using the 3 E's philosophy of Education, Engineering and Enforcement. In 2015, that trend continued with a decrease of 7% from 2014's total of 304. The total collision numbers for 2014 show an overall decrease of 48% from a high of 542 reported accidents in 2001.

In 2015, Danville PD arrested 85 people for impaired driving, averaging out to 7 DUI arrests per month. June and August had the highest number of arrests with 11 and September and November were the lowest with 4 arrests each.

## TOTAL ACCIDENT REPORTS 2015



## Traffic Statistics By Year





# INVESTIGATIONS



**Above: Detective Steve Stapleton, Sgt. Brian Sliger & Detective Danny Wells**

**Right: Crime Prevention Specialists Jim McCauley, Dave Clark, Mark Kan & Investigations Volunteer Tim Davis**



The Investigations Unit handled 764 cases during 2015. They were able to close 387 of the 764 cases, producing a case closure rate of 50.6%. In addition, Detectives strive to be proactive in their approach to increase community safety strategies and to facilitate problem-solving techniques throughout the town.

In 2015, the Town of Danville saw an increase in property crime for the second year in a row. In response to this increase, the Investigations Unit expanded their crime prevention team to address the growing number of neighborhood watch meetings, public outreach opportunities, and community education efforts.

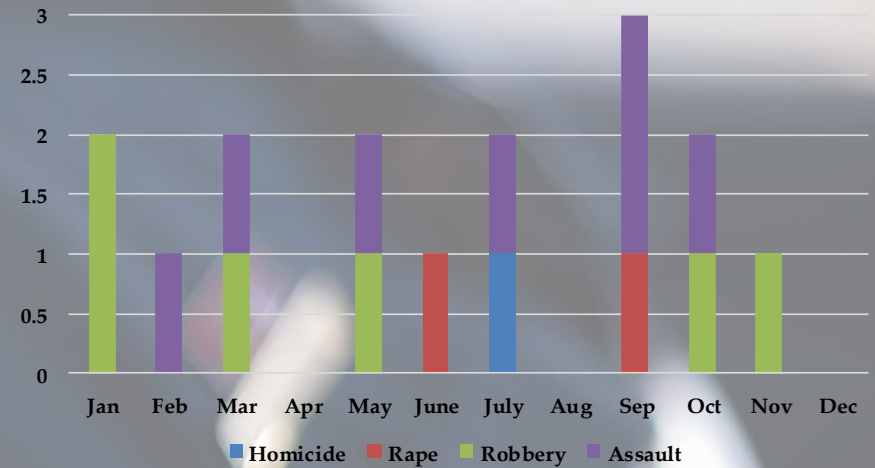




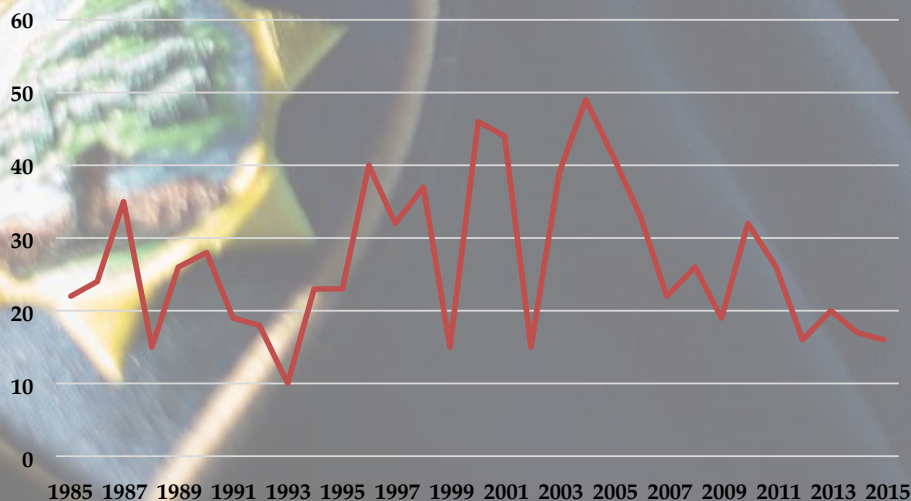
# CRIME STATISTICS

These charts depict the crimes against persons that occurred in Danville in 2015, along with 5 year and 30 year comparison charts. The crimes listed include homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. There was one homicide in Danville in 2015.

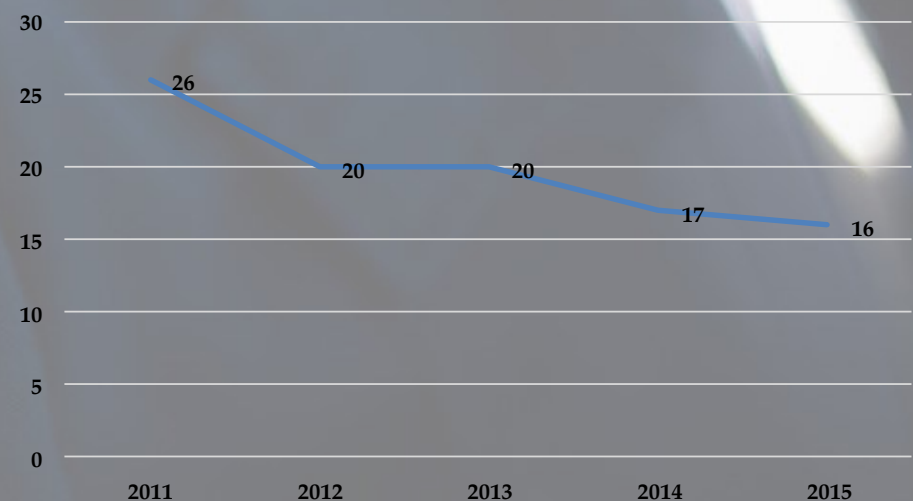
Crimes Vs. Persons 2015



Crimes Vs. Persons 1985-2015



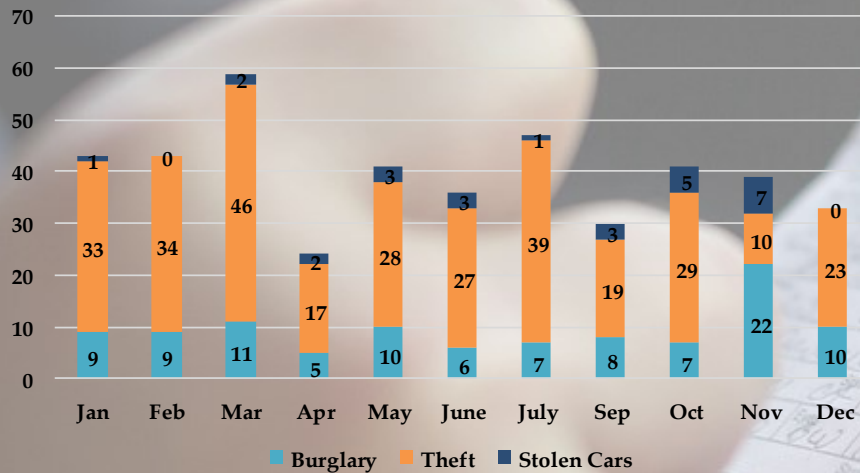
Crimes Vs. Persons 5 Year Comparison





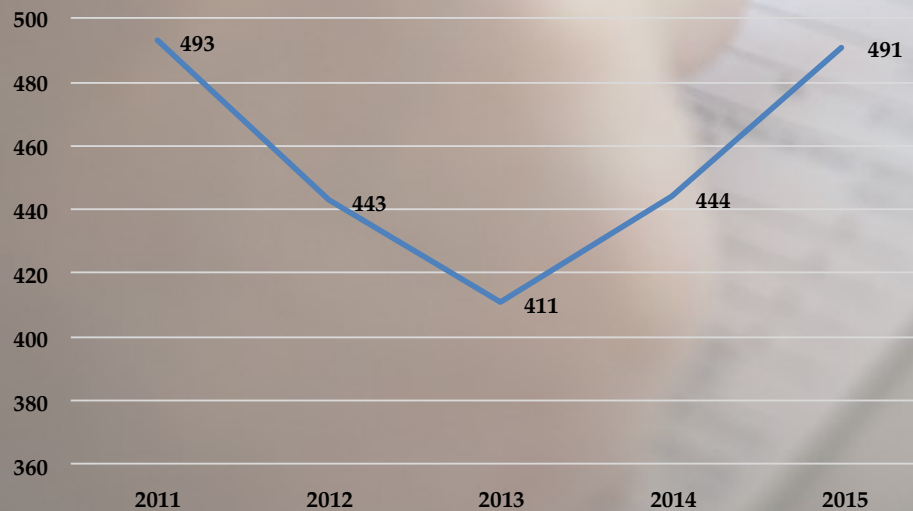
# CRIME STATISTICS

## Crimes Vs. Property 2015



These charts depict the crimes against property that occurred in Danville in 2015, along with 5 year and 30 year comparison charts. The crimes listed include burglary, theft and stolen vehicles. There was a 10% increase in property crime in 2015 compared to 2014.

## Crimes Vs. Property 5 Year Comparison



## Crimes Vs. Property - 1985-2015





# SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAM



**School Resource Officer Matt Roderick (MVHS), School Program Coordinator Lauren Brown & School Resource Officer Vince Richards (SRVHS)**



# PARKING ENFORCEMENT



Parking Enforcement Officers Katrina O'Brien, Mike Gray & Morgan Bowe



# RESERVE TEAM



The Danville Police Department Reserve Unit has 8 Reserve Police Officers. The reserves are experienced professionals who choose to donate their time to the citizens of Danville. The reserve officers receive the same training and have all the same police powers as full time officers, but come to work for free.

Our dedicated reserves donated 2,252 hours during 2015. The total hours volunteered by this team equates to more than a full time officer; offering the Town a significant financial savings.

Reserve Police Officer Walt Welti was recognized as the 2015 Reserve Officer of the Year.



# VOLUNTEERS



**The Town of Danville is privileged to have a large group of dedicated Volunteers in Policing (VIPs). The VIPs are residents of Danville who have the desire to give back to the community. In 2015, the VIPs donated 8735 hours of service to the citizens of Danville.**

**The VIPs provide services that the Police Department would not be able to offer without their dedicated commitment. VIPs work a variety of duties including: special events, school safety events, Silent Sentry Program, If I Were a Thief Program, and National Night Out.**

**VIP Barbara Hubinger was recognized as the 2015 Danville Police Volunteer of the Year.**



# CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Twice each year, the police department opens its doors to the community to offer the Citizen's Police Academy. The six-week academy is available in the spring and fall for Danville residents. The participating citizens attend classes about patrol procedures, K-9 Operations, Traffic Enforcement, DUIs, the Investigations Unit, Crime Scene processing, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), firearms and driving instruction. Attendees continue to provide positive feedback and the program will be repeated in 2016





# YOUTH ACADEMY

In June, the Danville Police Department held it's first Citizen's Academy specifically targeted to local teens. The week long class was comprised of twenty high school-aged Danville residents.

These teens learned about various different aspects and operations of the police department and the challenges police officers face on a daily basis. In addition to classroom work, the teens received a K-9 demonstration, explored a SWAT vehicle, and even tried their hand at a driving simulator.

The Police Department intends to make this Youth Academy an annual event.





# OFFICER FOR A DAY

Five year old Wyatt Watson has a rare multi-system disease called Ataxia-Telangiectasia and dreams of becoming a police officer. When Danville PD heard about Wyatt's dream, we knew a simple meet and greet was not enough for Wyatt.

On April 29th, Chief Simpkins swore in Officer Wyatt Watson for duty. In addition to getting his own uniform, Wyatt was tasked with special K-9 work, traffic enforcement, evidence collection and crossing guard duties.

The Police Department is thankful for Officer Wyatt's service and the Danville Rotary Club for a generous donation to sponsor the event.





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday August 4th, 2015, the Police Department partnered with neighborhoods throughout our community to celebrate National Night Out. The celebrations included potlucks, ice cream socials, K-9 demonstrations, laughter and open communication between Police Department staff and residents. National Night Out was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch in 1981. The tradition began as an opportunity for neighbors to turn their front porch lights on and meet one another. Now, the annual celebration stands as a night for neighborhoods to let criminals know residents are organized and fighting back.





# COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, September 19, the Police Department hosted a enhanced Community Open House. The purpose of this event was to literally open every door of the Police Department for the public to get an inside look. This was a chance for the community and police staff to meet outside of emergency calls and allow for a deeper level of personal interaction.

During the open house, residents were able to tour the police department, sit inside police cars and watch demonstrations of the K-9 unit and SWAT Team.

Attendees were also invited to participate in role-playing scenarios to experience the decision-making process police officers undergo.





# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Each year the Police Department donates its time to support Special Olympics. During 2015, our staff attended Special Olympics opening ceremonies at UC Davis, the Bay Area games in Lafayette, the annual Polar Plunge in San Francisco, Bike the Bridges, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

It is our honor to support the athletes of Special Olympics Northern California. Our staff is very proud to be involved—whether it is running the Special Olympics torch north to our police partners in Walnut Creek or jumping in the cold winter waters of the San Francisco Bay!







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